

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on January 14, 1999 at 10:55 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 79, 1/11/1999
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. MATT BRAINARD
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Proponent's Testimony:

GEORGE DENNISON, University of Montana. **EXHIBIT**(sth10a01)
Concerned with giving their staff choices in the retirement
system. Their staff has need for more flexibility.

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TOM STUMP, Finance Advisor for Montana State University. They
have a transient staff who want to move on to other jobs.
Portability of bill would bring teacher's fairness and equity by
having choice.

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LINDA SCHIMMELPFENNIG, University of Montana Research Staffer.
Vehement for optional retirement programs for their interests.
Mobility of accounts are important in these times. We need
choice in our investments/not state-dictated.

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REP. DOUG MOOD, served on CPERS committee. Nothing being done to
change current retiree employee benefits.

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DAWN WATKINS, State employee from Payroll and Benefits Office.

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TOM SCHNEIDER, PERS. Key to bill is nothing changing but addition
of defined contribution plan

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GAY ALLISON, University of Montana . Need flexibility of moving
retirement benefits.

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KATHY CREBO, Staff Financier for University System.

EXHIBIT(sth10a02)

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JOHN MCEWEN, Dept. of Administration

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GLENN LEAVITT, Director of Benefits Montana University System.

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SHEILA STERNS, Chancellor of Western Montana College.

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REP.WALTERS.

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Opponent's Testimony:

MIKE O'CONNOR, Executive Director of Public Employees Retirement System. **EXHIBIT**(sth10a03)

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KELLY JENKINS, General Counsel PERS **EXHIBIT**(sth10a04)

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TERRY TEICHROW, President of PERS Retirement Board

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TOM BILLADEAU, Secretary of Montana Teacher's Retirement.**EXHIBIT**(sth10a05)

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JOHN MCEWAN, Un-numbered exhibit handed in on Jan. 16, 1999

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor: REP. MATT BRAINARD

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

REP. MATT BRAINARD, CHAIRMAN

KAREN MILLS, SECRETARY

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EXHIBIT(sth10aad)